

REMARKS

This paper responds to the DETAILED ACTION of August 24, 2004. In preparing the response to the action, the entire application was reviewed and various typographical errors, possible ambiguities and a redundancy were noted. The foregoing amendments are solely for the purpose of correcting those matters and do not constitute any part of the response to the detailed action and do not bear on the merits of the invention or address the restriction requirement.

The office action states that "This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:" and identifies two species: 1 (Figs. 1-20) and 2 (Figs. 21-30). The action then requires applicant "...to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits...."

In response to the requirement, applicant elects the examiner's Species 1 (Figs. 1-20).

The office action further states that applicant's response must include: "...an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon...."

The office action further states: "Currently, it is uncertain what claims are generic."

In further response to the election requirement, applicant states that there are both article claims and method claims in the application that are generic and that are directed to the respective species. Applicant states the following:

Claims 1-6 and 31-37 are generic

Claims 7-24 and 38 are specific to the Species 1 (Figs 1-20) and the method of manufacturing it.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the generic claims, and consequently the claims directed to Species 1 and Species 2 are allowable. Favorable consideration of the invention on the merits and allowance are respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference on this response or any other aspect of this application would expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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